



OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR TRANSIT MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2023

3:00 p.m.

This meeting took place in person and via electronic means.

ATTENDEES

Bill Achor	Stacey Amschler	John Matthews
Rene Frazier	Brandie Fisher	Kyle Meadows
Brad Kelley	Andrea Swope	Rene Frazier

STAFF PRESENT

Natasha Longpine David Knaut

I. WELCOME

Mr. Knaut brought the meeting to order at 03:10 pm and introductions were made.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 10, 2023 MINUTES.

Mr. Achor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Matthews, to approve the minutes of 08-10-2023. The motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF 11-09-2023 AGENDA

Ms. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Achor, to approve the agenda for 11-09-2023. The motion passed.

IV. SECTION 5310 CALL-FOR-PROJECTS TIMELINE

OTO staff presented the proposed timeline for a call-for-projects for Section 5310 funds in the beginning of CY 2024. Critical milestones leading up to the planned call-for-projects were highlighted. The Board agreed that the proposed 1.5-month timeline was reasonable, and it would be beneficial to align better with MoDOT's call-for-projects for Section 5310.

V. SECTION 5310 APPLICATION AND GUIDEBOOK

OTO staff reviewed the Section 5310 application and guidebook for the Board. Staff highlighted that this call-for-project will only be for traditional projects, which are defined as vehicle purchases and that the available funding will be updated if new information is available. The board inquired if staff will be available to assist with application and staff ensured that there will be a workshop for applicants, and they will be available for individual questions as well.

VI. 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

OTO staff provided the scheduled meeting dates for calendar year 2024. Meetings will be hybrid with an in person and a virtual option. Meetings are held the second Thursday of the second month of the Quarter at 3 p.m. with the first meeting being moved for the 5310 call-for-projects.

VII. MEMBER UPDATES

OTO staff informed that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has published a Request for Information (RFI) for updating American with Disabilities (ADA) guidelines for facilities and staff will send out more information via email. Furthermore, OTO staff informed that the transit optimization study from CU Transit will be completed earlier next year.

Members reported about challenges in the region with increased demand for service and contiguous growth especially in Christian County. Potential changes in the personal property tax regulations could also decrease revenues for non-profit organizations that provide transportation to seniors and people with disabilities. Members also expressed that they would need help with applying for grants, especially for the acquisition of property. MoDOT and OTO staff stated that OTO and staff from the Southwest Missouri Council of Governments (SMCOG) are available to help with grant applications.

OATS reported that they are still looking into increasing intercity connections in the region.

City Utilities (CU) gave an update on the non-traditional 5310 projects, which they were awarded for FY21 to FY 24 and reported that they are fully staffed for the first time in years.

MoDOT provided an update from SMCOG's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) approved their regional Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan in November and there is a discussion to form regional multimodal transportation advisory committees throughout Missouri.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 22, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 pm.

Approved on 02/22/2024

Attested By: _____


Jeff Robinson, LCBT Chair